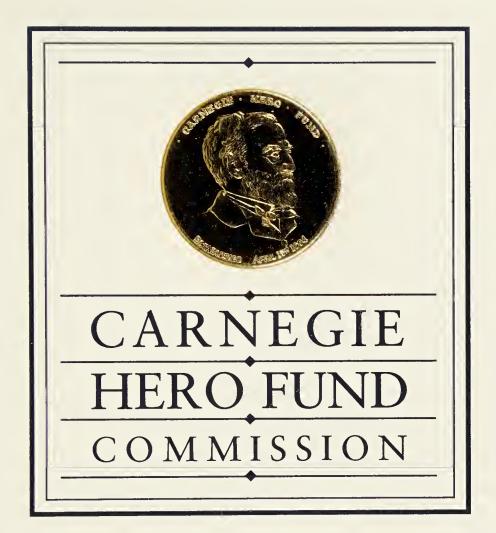
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IS IMPULSIVE; BUT I DO BELIEVE

THAT, IF THE HERO IS INJURED IN

HIS BOLD ATTEMPT TO SERVE

OR SAVE HIS FELLOWS,

HE AND THOSE DEPENDENT

UPON HIM SHOULD

NOT SUFFER PECUNIARILY.

Andrew Carnegie

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CARNEGIE HERO FUND COMMISSION

Established April 15, 1904, by Andrew Carnegie, the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission was created to recognize outstanding acts of selfless heroism performed in the United States and Canada.

Recognition in all acts considered worthy by the Commission consists of a medal. It may also include, in acts in which disabling injuries are sustained by the rescuer, a supplemental continuing grant; in acts in which the rescuer loses his or her life, financial assistance for the surviving dependents; and in acts in which no disablement is sustained, grants for education or other worthy purposes in the lives of the rescuers.

Recommendations for awards may be made by an individual having knowledge of such outstanding acts of bravery, and should be sent directly to the Commission. Awards are open to all citizens and visitors of the two countries under regulations presented in detail on subsequent pages of this report.

Each recommended act is investigated as to fact and degree of risk involved and is evaluated by the Commission on the basis of results of the investigation.

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A CENTURY OF HEROES

For 100 years the Carnegie Hero Fund has maintained a singular focus on the mission assigned to it by Andrew Carnegie: to recognize and reward unselfish acts of civilian heroism. We devote all of our time, energy and financial resources to this one mission, and we expect it always to be so.

But surely you noticed the reference to "100 years?" This is the centennial of Carnegie's gift. May we, every century or so, pause in our labors for a wee celebration?



Mark Laskow President

Yes. Over the next year we will mark our anniversary as most organizations do: publish a history, prepare a video feature, and enjoy a "birthday party" event. We will try to do this in a way we think would please Carnegie himself. Each centennial activity will itself carry out our core mission to recognize and reward civilian heroism. For example, the centennial history is much more a celebration of Carnegie and his heroes than it is an organizational history. To enhance the significance of the medal to its recipients, their families and friends, we will provide a copy of the history with each hero medal we award. It will lay out for them the history of the medal and tell the story of the long, distinguished line of heroes in which each recipient stands. Of course, the book will tell the same story to other readers as well.

We are sure that Carnegie would approve that we focus our anniversary celebration on the heroes themselves. We are not so certain that he would approve if we devoted some of our centennial to remembering and honoring him for his generosity and wisdom in creating the Hero Fund and its sister organizations. Everyone knows that he was generous, giving away virtually all of the world's largest fortune at the time. Fewer realize how wise he was with his philanthropy, and how innovative. The world had never seen the likes of his Endowment for International Peace, or his Peace Palace at The Hague, or his Trust for the Universities of Scotland, or his Hero Funds. Moreover, his innovative ideas worked. He created 22 endowed organizations, not including the many libraries that he built. About a century later, 21 of these are alive and vital, a stunning record of success.

The Hero Fund and our sister organizations have endured because Carnegie assigned us missions of enduring importance. He also gave us sensible direction and governance structures. Even today, we find ourselves consulting his original instructions, sometimes in his own handwriting. No, in our centennial year we will remember and honor Andrew Carnegie and our heroes together for what all of them have contributed to all of us.

Finally, you may be sure that when our anniversary is over we will get back to work for another hundred years, confident that our mission will be as vital in 2104 as it was in 1904.

Mark Laskow

President

DEED OF TRUST TO THE HERO FUND COMMISSION

Gentlemen: We live in a heroic age. Not seldom are we thrilled by deeds of heroism where men or women are injured or lose their lives in attempting to preserve or rescue their fellows; such the heroes of civilization. The heroes of barbarism maimed or killed theirs.

I have long felt that the heroes and those dependent upon them should be freed from pecuniary cares resulting from their heroism, and, as a fund for this purpose, I have transferred to the Commission five million dollars of First Collateral Five Per Cent. Bonds of the United States Steel Corporation, the proceeds to be used as follows:

FIRST. To place those following peaceful vocations, who have been injured in heroic effort to save human life, in somewhat better positions pecuniarily than before, until again able to work. In the case of death, the widow and children, or other dependents, to be provided for until she remarries, and the children until they reach a self-supporting age. For exceptional children exceptional grants may be made for exceptional education. Grants of sums of money may also be made to heroes or heroines as the Commission thinks advisable—each case to be judged on its merits.

SECOND. No grant is to be continued unless it be soberly and properly used, and the recipients remain respectable, well-behaved members of the community, but the heroes and heroines are to be given a fair trial, no matter what their antecedents. Heroes deserve pardon and a fresh start.

THIRD. A medal shall be given to the hero, or widow, or next of kin, which shall recite the heroic deed it commemorates, that descendants may know and be proud of their descent. The medal shall be given for the heroic act, even if the doer be uninjured, and also a sum of money, should the Commission deem such gift desirable.

FOURTH. Many cities provide pensions for policemen, firemen, teachers, and others, and some may give rewards for acts of heroism. All these and other facts the Commission will take into account and act accordingly in making grants. Nothing could be further from my intention than to deaden or interfere with these most creditable provisions, doubly precious as

showing public and municipal appreciation of faithful and heroic service. I ask from the Commission most careful guard against this danger. The medal can, of course, be offered in such cases. Whether something more can not judiciously be done, at the request of, or with the approval of, the city authorities, the Commission shall determine. I hope there can be.

FIFTH. The claims upon the Fund for some years can not exhaust it. After years, however, pensioners will become numerous. Should the Commission find, after allowing liberally for this, that a surplus will remain, it has power to make grants in case of accidents (preferably where a hero has appeared) to those injured. The action taken in the recent Harwick Mine accident, where Heroes Taylor and Lyle lost their lives, is an illustration. The community first raised a fund of forty thousand dollars, which was duplicated by me after waiting until the generosity of the community had full scope. Here again the Commission should be exceedingly careful, as in this case, not to deaden, but to stimulate employers or communities to do their part, for such action benefits givers themselves as well as recipients.

SIXTH. It seems probable that cities and employers on this continent will ultimately be placed under similar conditions to those of Britain, Germany, and other European States, and required to provide against accidents to employees. Therefore, the Commission, by a two-thirds vote, may devote any surplus that accrues beyond providing for heroes and their dependents (which provision must never be abandoned) to such other modes of benefiting those in want, chiefly caused through no fault of their own (such as drunkenness, laziness, crimes, etc.) but through exceptional circumstances, in such manner and to such extent as the Commission thinks advisable and likely to do more good than if such sums were given to those injured by accident, where the latter may be suitably provided for by law, or otherwise.

SEVENTH. The field embraced by the Fund is the United States of America, the Dominion of Canada, the Colony of Newfoundland, and the waters thereof. The sea is the scene of many heroic acts. No action more heroic than that of doctors and nurses volunteering their services in the case of epidemics. Railroad employees are remarkable for heroism. All these and similar cases are embraced. Whenever heroism is displayed by man or woman in saving human life, the Fund applies.

EIGHTH. No personal liability will attach to members for any act of the Commission. The Commission has power to fill vacancies.

NINTH. The Commission has full power to sell, invest, or reinvest all funds; to employ all officials, including Secretary, traveling agents to visit and oversee beneficiaries, etc. and to fix their compensation. Members of the Commission shall be reimbursed all expenses incurred, including traveling expenses attending meetings. The President shall be granted such honoraria as the Commission thinks proper and as he can be prevailed upon to accept.

TENTH. An annual report, including a detailed statement of sums and medals granted and the reasons therefor, shall be made each year and published in at least one newspaper in the principal cities of the countries embraced by the Fund. A finely executed roll of the heroes and heroines shall be kept displayed in the office at Pittsburgh.

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New York, March 12th, 1904 Witness, Louise Whitfield Carnegie

THE CARNEGIE MEDAL





The Carnegie Medal
IS AWARDED TO ONE WHO, AT THE RISK OF HIS OR HER OWN LIFE,
SAVES OR ATTEMPTS TO SAVE THE LIFE OF ANOTHER PERSON.

Mr. Carnegie's embossed profile dominates the front of the medal. On the reverse side in low relief are shown the geographical outlines of the United States and Canada, the countries to which the Fund applies. In higher relief the seals of these countries are shown, with the United States below the inscription plate, and Canada and Newfoundland at the top left and right of it, respectively.

Relief work surrounding the inscription plate reveals a sprig of laurel underneath and sprigs of ivy, oak, and thistle at the top. Laurel typifies glory; ivy, friendship; oak, strength; and thistle, persistency. Encircling the relief work is a quotation from the New Testament (John XV, 13): "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

REQUIREMENTS FOR A CARNEGIE MEDAL

There must be conclusive evidence that the person performing the act voluntarily risked his or her own life to an extraordinary degree in saving or attempting to save the life of another person, or voluntarily sacrificed himself or herself in a heroic manner for the benefit of others.

The act of rescue must be one in which no full measure of responsibility exists between the rescuer and the rescued.

The act must have been performed in the United States, Canada, or the waters thereof and must be brought to the attention of the Commission within two years of the date of rescue.

Persons *not* eligible for awards are: those whose duties in following their regular vocations require them to perform such acts, unless the rescues are clearly beyond the line of duty; members of the armed services; children considered by the Commission to be too young to comprehend the risks involved; and members of the same family, except in cases of outstanding heroism where the rescuer loses his or her life or is severely injured.

AWARDS

A medal is presented to the person performing the act or, in case of death, to the widow, widower, or the next of kin.

When a rescuer loses his or her life in the performance of an act, contributions may be made toward the livelihood of the dependents. If the rescuer is disabled in the performance of the act, periodic contributions may be made to his or her livelihood. If the rescuer is not injured, a monetary grant may nevertheless be made, should the Commission deem such gift desirable. Awardees and the dependents of posthumous and disabled awardees are eligible for scholarship assistance.

The benefits to be paid and the manner of payment are determined by the Commission after consideration of the circumstances of each awardee. Continuing benefits are paid only if there is clear need for such assistance and only if such benefits are soberly and properly used and the recipients remain respectable members of their communities.

HEROIC ACTS RECOGNIZED DURING 2003

The following persons were cited by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission in 2003 for having performed outstanding acts of heroism. In each case, a Carnegie Medal and a financial grant of \$3,500 were awarded.

The twelve men listed below and the account of their heroic actions precede the customary alphabetical ordering of Carnegie Medal awardees.

JOHN WESLEY KNOX, DECEASED PLEASANT GROVE, ALABAMA 75904-8707

DENNIS R. MOBLEY, DECEASED Brent, Alabama 75905-8708

CHARLES J. NAIL, DECEASED BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA 75906-8709

NELSON BANKS, JR., DECEASED BESSEMER, ALABAMA 75901-8710

CLARENCE H. BOYD, DECEASED MCCALLA, ALABAMA 75903-8711

> JOE RIGGS, DECEASED COTTONDALE, ALABAMA 75907-8712

CHARLES E. SMITH, DECEASED TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA 75909-8713

TERRY MILAS STEWART, DECEASED CORDOVA, ALABAMA 75910-8714

DAVID L. BLEVINS, DECEASED TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA 75902-8715

RAYMOND F. ASHWORTH, DECEASED COTTONDALE, ALABAMA 75900-8716

WENDELL R. JOHNSON, DECEASED COALING, ALABAMA 75646-8717

JOSEPH P. SORAH, DECEASED DUNCANVILLE, ALABAMA 75908-8718

John Wesley Knox, Dennis R. Mobley, Charles J. Nail, Nelson Banks, Jr., Clarence H. Boyd, Joe Riggs, Charles E. Smith, Terry Milas Stewart, David L. Blevins, Raymond F. Ashworth, Wendell R. Johnson, and Joseph P. Sorah died attempting to save Gaston E. Adams, Jr., from an impending explosion, Brookwood, Alabama, September 23, 2001. Adams, 56, and two other miners were building supports to address deteriorating roof conditions in a section of a large coal mine that was 2,100 feet below the surface of the

ground. As they worked, the roof in that vicinity fell, freeing a quantity of methane. Within minutes the methane exploded, severely injuring Adams and damaging ventilation controls in that part of the mine. Also injured, the other miners left to secure help, their visibility obscured by dense dust. At work in another part of the mine, about a mile away, Knox, 44, underground motorman, felt the concussion and started toward the scene, as did two inside electricians, Mobley, 56, and Nail, 59, who had been working in the section adjoining the affected one. Knox, Mobley, and Nail met up with the injured miners, learning from them that Adams was incapacitated. After the men then alerted the mine's control room to the situation and de-energized the affected section's high-voltage supply, Knox, Mobley, and Nail entered that section and made their way by locomotive, then foot, to Adams, the injured miners continuing toward the mine exit, Meanwhile, Banks, 52, inside electrician; Boyd, 38, shearer operator; Riggs, 51, precision mason, and inside general laborers Smith and Stewart, both 44, all of whom had been working at distant points in the mine, learned of the ignition and started toward the affected section. En route they too met up with the injured miners, then, after learning more of the situation, continued to the scene. They proceeded on foot into the affected section to the vicinity reached by the first party of rescuers. Other miners learning of the ignition also responded from distant parts of the mine, including Blevins, 52, outby foreman, and belt repairmen Ashworth, 53; Johnson, 52, and Sorah, 46. They too encountered the injured miners and, after sharing information, Blevins, Ashworth, Johnson, and Sorah continued toward the affected section, arriving at its mouth shortly after the second party of rescuers. A massive explosion of methane soon tore through the affected section of the mine and then through the neighboring ones. Rescue teams were assembled and within hours reached the scene, where Ashworth was found alive but badly burned. He was removed to the hospital, where he died of his injuries the next day. Unstable conditions delayed further recovery efforts for six weeks, at which time the bodies of Adams and the remaining 11 rescuers were removed from the mine.

MARK L. ADAMS CENTRAL POINT, OREGON

Mark L. Adams helped to save Elizabeth L. Wetherington from burning, Central Point, Oregon, March 18, 2002. Ms. Wetherington, 41, remained in the cab of her pickup truck after an accident in which the truck left the roadway, came to rest on its driver's side, and caught fire at its front end and along its exposed underside. Approaching on the same road, Adams, 40, lathe operator, saw flames, then stopped at the scene. He stepped into the bed of the truck, broke out its rear window, and reached inside for Ms. Werherington but found that she was caught in the wreckage. After retreating for air, Adams in repeated attempts tried to free Ms. Wetherington but was unsuccessful. While he left to obtain a garden hose from a nearby residence, another man at the scene approached the pickup and reached through the back window from the bed, but he too was unsuccessful in freeing Ms. Wetherington. He withdrew from the vehicle for relief from the intense heat. On a subsequent attempt, he pulled Ms. Wetherington by the arm and freed her, then removed her through the window to safety. Adams returned to the truck and assisted others in moving her farther away. Ms. Wetherington was taken to the hospital, where she was treated for injuries sustained in the accident. She was not burned. Adams also was treated at the hospital, for smoke inhalation, and he recovered. 75984-8763

GARY ALLEN Pompano Beach, Florida

Gary Allen helped to save Alan G. Voce from burning, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, December 9, 2001. Voce, 75, remained inside the automobile he had been driving after it crashed into an unoccupied one-story building, traveled about 18 feet inside, and caught fire. Allen, 35, mortgage and real estate broker, witnessed the accident. Joined by another man, he entered the building and approached the car, which was burning at its front end. They saw Voce in the back seat, shouting for help. Allen looked for a fire extinguisher while the other man used a chair to break the car's left rear window. With heat and smoke conditions intensifying in the building, both

men reached inside the car, grasped Voce, and pulled him out. They dragged him outside to safety as flames spread. Voce required hospital treatment for his injuries, and Allen sustained bruises and abrasions to his arms, from which he recovered.

75798-8680

HENRY BALANGUE, JR. PORTERVILLE, CALIFORNIA

Henry Balangue, Jr., rescued John P. Oldridge from burning, Porterville, California, August 4, 2002. Oldridge, 66, was inside the 36-foot-long trailer in which he lived, after fire erupted in the trailer's bedroom. Balangue, 39, landscaper, was driving by when he saw smoke rising from the scene. He stopped there and learned that Oldridge remained inside the burning trailer. After forcing open one of its doors, Balangue entered the trailer, in which dense smoke precluded any visibility except at floor level. He heard Oldridge and moved toward the sound of his voice. Balangue entered the bedroom, most of which was aflame, and found Oldridge on the floor. He dragged Oldridge toward the door, but once in the living room, Oldridge became caught. Balangue fled the trailer for air, then re-entered, freed Oldridge, and pulled him outside. Oldridge was taken to the hospital for treatment of severe burns, and he succumbed to his injuries the next day. Balangue also required hospital treatment, for a burn to his shoulder, and he recovered.

76308-8755

JONATHAN H. BOLENDER

SILVER CREEK, WASHINGTON

Jonathan H. Bolender rescued Anthony P. Jensen from assault, Vancouver, Washington, March 11, 2002. Late at night, Jensen, 23, was inside the restaurant he was managing when a man armed with a knife entered, grasped him by the neck, and threatened to kill him. Bolender, 50, truck driver, was one of two customers in the restaurant and witnessed the assault. He ran to the assailant, grasped him, and took him to the floor. Freed, Jensen ran to call for help. As Bolender knelt on the assailant to restrain him, the assailant

stabbed Bolender repeatedly about the lower back and a thigh and forearm. Bolender disarmed the assailant, then, weakening, held him until police arrived shortly and arrested him. Jensen sustained minor injury, from which he recovered, and Bolender required hospital treatment for 10 stab wounds.

76094-8719

ROBERT J. BONADIES, DECEASED VERNON, CONNECTICUT

Robert J. Bonadies died after rescuing Cynthia M. Hyland from falling, Ellington, Connecticut, May 6, 2002. Ms. Hyland, 42, and her skydiving instructors, Bonadies, 47, electrician, and another man, jumped from an aircraft at an altitude of 12,000 feet and began a stable free fall. Descending past the point at which students were to deploy their main parachutes, Ms. Hyland and her instructors went into an unstable formation, tumbling and increasing their speed. At 2,000 feet, the other instructor broke away and deployed his parachute, while Bonadies remained with Ms. Hyland. They continued to fall, and, at about 800 feet above ground level, Bonadies deployed Ms. Hyland's main parachute. Her reserve opened immediately after. It was too late for Bonadies to deploy his own parachute, and he struck the ground and was killed. The other instructor and Ms. Hyland landed safely.

76050-8694

DAVID G. BRONS West Richland, Washington

David G. Brons helped to save Phillip H. Estes from drowning, Richland, Washington, April 4, 2002. Estes, 68, was unconscious inside his pickup truck after it left the roadway, entered the Yakima River, and, sinking nose first, was carried downstream by the swift current. Driving by, Brons, 31, pipefitter, stopped at the scene, then dived into the river, which was swollen by runoff, and swam to the truck. He entered the truck's bed and attempted to break out the rear window of the cab, then called to bystanders for a rock. One provided, Brons used it to break the window, the truck then sinking to a rest about 20 feet from the bank in water about eight feet deep. Brons reached through the window and attempted to extract Estes but found him restrained by his safety belt. Bystanders produced a knife, and Brons

submerged with it, partially entered the cab, and attempted to cut the belt, but he became stuck between Estes and the ceiling of the cab. Withdrawing and surfacing, Brons moved to the driver's side of the truck and opened that door, propping it ajar with a leg as he reached inside, cut Estes's safety belt, then pulled Estes from the truck and took him to the surface of the water. He handed Estes to another man, who took him to the bank, Brons following. Estes was revived at the scene, then was hospitalized for more than two months for treatment of respiratory distress. He recovered. Brons sustained minor cuts and bruises, from which he recovered.

BRIAN BROWN Kirkfield, Ontario

Brian Brown saved John P. Boldt and Douglas J. Levean from exposure, Baysville, Ontario, March 9, 2002. At night, Boldt, 64, and his friend, Levean, 61, were ice fishing from a hut on Lake of Bays several hundred feet from shore. It had been raining, and deteriorating weather conditions brought sleet and gale-force winds with gusts of more than 50 m.p.h. Their hut blowing across the ice, Boldt and Levean jumped from it at separate points and lost contact with each other. Rainwater that was pooled atop the ice made footing against the wind impossible. Boldt crawled slowly and with difficulty toward shore, using a chisel to anchor himself to the ice as he rested, and, with equal difficulty, Levean crawled toward the opposite shore. Both men had flashlights with them. Another ice fisherman, Brown, 48, lift truck driver, was at his anchored hut on the lake in that vicinity when he decided to return to shore because of the storm. After retrieving his all-terrain vehicle, which had blown away from the hut, he saw a light in the distance downwind and concluded that it marked a person. Brown drove about 450 feet to Boldt, struggling en route to maintain control of the vehicle in the wind as he steered to avoid fishing holes in the ice. Boldt boarded the vehicle, and as Brown drove to shore he saw the dim light from Levean's flashlight. After settling Boldt on shore, Brown returned onto the lake, but in a borrowed snowmobile, which afforded better traction. He drove to Levean, who was much farther out than Boldt had been, then took him aboard and returned him to shore. Boldt and Levean were treated at the scene for exposure to the cold, and they recovered. 75996-8686

NANCY BROWNING

PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

Nancy Browning rescued Joyce K. Anderson from assault, Pensacola, Florida, April 28, 2002. Ms. Anderson, 60, was in the parking lot of a church when the woman with whom she had been speaking produced a revolver and shot her in her upraised hand. Ms. Anderson turned and ran, the assailant following. Those hearing the shot included Ms. Browning, 47, custodian, who was outside the church. Ms. Browning ran toward the scene and approached Ms. Anderson, then positioned Ms. Anderson behind her back to shield her. Ms. Browning told the assailant, who approached to within a few feet, not to shoot, but the assailant then shot Ms. Browning in the abdomen, felling her. A man who also had responded tackled the assailant and held her until police arrived shortly. Ms. Anderson required hospital treatment for her wound, as did Ms. Browning, who was detained two months for treatment, including surgery. Partially paralyzed, she was left disabled by her wound.

76058-8688

MARKHAM D. BUNNAH

CALGARY, ALBERTA

Markham D. Bunnah saved a man from drowning, Calgary, Alberta, May 20, 2001. While walking his bicycle across a railroad bridge, a man fell into the cold, swift water of the Bow River at a point about 120 feet from the closer bank. Bunnah, 38, project manager, had been walking along that bank and witnessed the accident. As the man was being carried downstream, toward the turbulent water of a weir about 1,200 feet from the bridge, Bunnah ran to a point on the bank beyond him, then, shedding his shoes and jacket, entered the river and swam to him. He grasped the man and swam toward the bank, Bunnah tiring en route as the current pulled them downstream. Nearing the bank, Bunnah stood, cradled the man in his arms, and waded the rest of the way in. Others helped to remove the man from the river, Bunnah following. The man was taken to the hospital for treatment of minor injury.

76510-8740

SHANE DOUGLAS BURGER

PAVILION, NEW YORK

Shane Douglas Burger rescued Christine E. Flint from burning, Stafford, New York, July 17, 2002. Ms. Flint, 18, was unconscious in the driver's seat of her car after a highway accident in which the car struck the side rear of a tractor-trailer and, its front end wedged under the trailer, caught fire. Traveling behind the tractor-trailer, Burger, 27, restaurant manager, witnessed the accident. He stopped at the scene, approached the vehicles, and, seeing Ms. Flint in the car, attempted to open the driver's door. Despite flames on the rear of the trailer and the front end and roof of the car, he then leaned through the window of the driver's door and attempted to move Ms. Flint, who still was wearing her safety belt. He withdrew from the car because of the heat and smoke, then re-entered after Ms. Flint roused and released her safety belt. Although flames by then had spread to the front passenger seat, Burger leaned into the car again, grasped Ms. Flint, and pulled her through the window to safety. Flames shortly engulfed the car. Ms. Flint was treated at the hospital for minor burns to her legs and other injury. Burger sustained lacerations to his arms and minor smoke inhalation; he recovered.

76301-8741

BENNY A. CARPENTER, JR., DECEASED TOLEDO, OHIO

Benny A. Carpenter, Jr., died helping to save James M. H. Bricker from drowning, Toledo, Ohio, July 6, 2001. Bricker, 45, was on a boating outing on Lake Erie with his brother-in-law, Carpenter, 33, press operator, and Carpenter's family. Disabled and adrift, the party's boat was about four miles from the closest point on shore when Bricker attempted to return to the boat after entering the water. He called for help as the boat drifted away from him. Carpenter threw the free end of a rope to Bricker, but it fell short of Bricker's reach, as did a lifejacket that Carpenter then threw. Carpenter removed his shoes, dived into the water, and, retrieving the lifejacket, swam to Bricker. The men held onto the lifejacket and each other as they struggled to remain afloat. They became separated after several minutes, and Carpenter submerged. Bricker was rescued shortly by a boat that responded to the scene. Carpenter's body was recovered from the lake three days later; he had drowned.

LORENE R. CASH, DECEASED HUEYTOWN, ALABAMA

Lorene R. Cash died attempting to rescue Bobby L. Cash from burning, Hueytown, Alabama, July 23, 2002. Cash, 59, who suffered a disability that rendered him virtually immobile, was in the living room of his one-story house when fire broke out in that room. Alerted to the fire, his mother, Ms. Cash, 86, responded quickly to the house from her home next door. Firefighters arriving within minutes found Cash's body on the floor of the dining room, which adjoined the living room, and his mother's nearby. The positioning of the bodies, not far from the house's back door, led them to conclude that Ms. Cash was effecting her son's rescue when she was felled. Both had died of smoke inhalation.

DANIEL LLOYD CLINE

Medford, Oregon

Daniel Lloyd Cline helped to save Elizabeth L. Wetherington from burning. Central Point, Oregon, March 18, 2002. Ms. Wetherington, 41, remained in the cab of her pickup truck after an accident in which the truck left the roadway, came to rest on its driver's side, and caught fire at its front end and along its exposed underside. Approaching on the same road, Cline, 21, contractor, saw flames, then stopped at the scene, as did another man. While Cline called for emergency assistance, the other man stepped into the bed of the truck, broke out its rear window, and reached inside for Ms. Wetherington. She was caught in the wreckage, and after repeated attempts to free her, the other man left to obtain a garden hose from a nearby residence. Cline then approached the pickup and reached through the back window from the bed. He too was unsuccessful in freeing Ms. Wetherington, and he withdrew from the vehicle for relief from the intense heat. On a subsequent attempt, Cline pulled Ms. Wetherington by the arm and freed her, then removed her through the window to safety. The other man returned to the truck and assisted Cline and others in moving her farther away. Ms. Wetherington was taken to the hospital, where she was treated for injuries sustained in the accident. She was not burned. 75985-8764

CHRIS A. COLE Lewis Run, Pennsylvania

Chris A. Cole saved Michael G. Bradley from a possible explosion, Bradford, Pennsylvania, March 12, 2002. Bradley, 36, was the driver of a tractor-trailer that was hauling 7,000 gallons of gasoline when the vehicle overturned onto its right ride while attempting to negotiate a turn. The vehicle fell against a guide rail, and a large quantity of gasoline began to escape from it as its engine continued to run. Bradley emerged through the window of the driver's door but, seriously injured, was unable to leave the cab. Driving nearby, Cole, 29, laborer, witnessed the accident. He parked, ran through the escaping gasoline to the rig, and mounted the guide rail at the tractor. Cole pulled Bradley the rest of the way through the window and went to the ground with him, then, wet with gasoline, helped Bradley walk away from the vehicle, the engine of which soon stopped, on its own. Bradley was hospitalized a week for treatment of hip injuries. Cole was treated at a hospital for first-degree chemical burns to his feet and abrasions. He recovered.

STEVEN COLEMAN, DECEASED EAST WENATCHEE, WASHINGTON

Steven Coleman died attempting to help save Anthony J. Wallace from drowning, Ocean Shores, Washington, July 19, 2002. Anthony, 10, was playing in the Pacific Ocean just off the beach when he was caught in a current and taken into deeper water farther out. Coleman, 47, truck driver, was on the beach in the vicinity. Alerted to the situation, he ran into the water and swam toward Anthony, as did a man from Anthony's party who reached Anthony and grasped him. After nearing Anthony, Coleman spoke to him to try to calm him, then became separated from him. Anthony was rescued by the other man, with help from another of their party. Coleman was carried to a point about 900 feet from shore, where he was recovered by responding emergency personnel, including a Coast Guard boat. Resuscitation was attempted, but he had drowned.

JOHN RIORDAN COLLINS

HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIFORNIA

John Riordan Collins attempted to rescue Ronald R. Robertson from assault, Anaheim, California, September 14, 1999. A 43-year-old man armed with two revolvers entered a hospital and shot and killed two employees on the second floor. On the first floor, Robertson, 50, the hospital's environmental services director, was responding to the emergency alert when, nearing the stairs, he heard gunfire and identified it as such to a coworker. Robertson encountered the assailant and struggled against him in the corridor leading from the vicinity of the stairs to the hospital lobby. The assailant shot him repeatedly. In his first-floor office nearby, Collins, 52, the hospital's controller, heard gunfire and then responded to the corridor, where he saw Robertson and the assailant struggling. Collins ran to them and, seizing the assailant, took him to the floor, where he detained him, with help from another man, until police arrived shortly. Robertson died of his gunshot wounds.

CAEJAR A. COX Moreno Valley, California

Caejar A. Cox helped to save Edgar T. DeLeon from burning, Moreno Valley. California, January 10, 2002. DeLeon, 20, was unconscious in the driver's seat of his car after a highway accident in which the car collided with another. The vehicles came to rest in close proximity to each other, and flames that broke out on the other car spread to DeLeon's. Cox, 33, broadcast journalist, drove upon the scene and approached the driver's side of DeLeon's car, where he attempted to open the driver's door, as did two other men. After one of the other men broke out the window to that door, the men found that DeLeon was restrained by his safety belt. Flames by then had entered the rear interior of the car, and Cox and the others were forced back by the heat and smoke. Returning to the car, they started to remove DeLeon through the driver's door but found that his foot was trapped. After Cox partially entered the car and freed the foot, he and the two other men removed DeLeon from the car and carried him to safety. The cars were destroyed in the accident and fire. DeLeon was hospitalized for treatment of his injuries, and Cox sustained minor cuts on his hands and arms from which he recovered. 75822-8701

RONALD JOSEPH CRAWFORD, DECEASED HAMILTON, ONTARIO

Ronald Joseph Crawford died rescuing a man from assault, Hamilton, Ontario, August 4, 2002. At night, the 48-year-old man who owned and operated a sandwich shop was confronted in the kitchen area of the shop by a man, who, armed with a knife, demanded money. A scuffle ensued between them, the shop owner shouting. Crawford, 42, a friend of the owner and frequent visitor to the shop, had been in the shop's back room when the assailant entered. Crawford immediately responded to the kitchen, approached the assailant, and threw punches at him. The assailant stabbed Crawford in the chest then fled the shop. Crawford collapsed to the floor. He was taken by rescue personnel to the hospital, where he died of his wound, which was to the heart.

CHRISTOPHER CROCIATA

Mount Sinai, New York

Christopher Crociata helped to save Olivia H. Wardell from drowning, Mount Sinai, New York, July 1, 2001. During a late afternoon thunderstorm, the darkness and heavy rainfall of which greatly reduced visibility, the automobile in which Olivia, 2 months old, was a passenger traveled down a boat ramp at a marina and entered Mount Sinai Harbor. Olivia was in a car seat that was secured to the back seat of the car, which started to sink nose first in water about 13 feet deep. Seeing the situation, two marina dockhands, including Christopher, 16, high school student, ran to a point on the dock adjacent to the ramp and jumped into the water. Christopher swam to the car and attempted to open the driver's door as the other dockhand swam to the passenger side and opened that door, enabling the driver to exit. As the other dockhand then attempted to free Olivia, Christopher joined him on the passenger side, where he partially entered the car, which was continuing to sink, and pushed the front passenger seat forward. The other dockhand knelt on the bottom of the doorframe, leaned inside, and worked to pull the car seat out. He freed the seat after some difficulty, then backed from the car with it and pushed it to Christopher, who took it to the nearby dock. Olivia was handed over to safety, and Christopher, the other dockhand, and the driver also left the water. Olivia was examined at the hospital but was uninjured. Christopher recovered from a cut to his knee. 75458-8676

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CRAIG ALLEN CROSS

FROSTBURG, MARYLAND

Craig Allen Cross rescued Isaac W. Bradburn from burning, Frostburg, Maryland, October 21, 2002. Bradburn, 70, was in the second-floor apartment of a two-story building when an explosion of leaking natural gas occurred in the unit's living room at night. Two walls of the building were blown off, the roof collapsed partially, and flames that had broken out began to spread quickly throughout the building. At his home nearby, Cross, 32, teacher, heard and felt the explosion. Barefoot and in nightclothes, he ran to the scene after hearing Bradburn shouting for help. Cross entered the house through a gap created by one of the displaced walls, then climbed over debris upstairs to the kitchen of Bradburn's apartment. He found Bradburn, dazed and badly burned, in the kitchen, the walls of which were aflame. Cross grasped Bradburn and dragged him to the stairs, then lifted him and took him down the stairs to where he handed him outside to another person. Cross then exited the structure before flames engulfed it. Bradburn was hospitalized three weeks for treatment of his burns, from which he recovered. Cross recovered from lacerations to his head and neck caused by his encountering debris. 76461-8727

IOHN CUNNINGHAM DAILEY

Braintree, Massachusetts

John Cunningham Dailey saved Joseph P. McDonough from burning, Boston, Massachusetts, June 21, 2002. McDonough, 73, was in his second-floor apartment in a two-story house after fire broke out in the living room of the first-floor apartment. On duty in the neighborhood, Dailey, 54, police officer, was alerted to the fire, and he responded to the scene. Learning from family members who were fleeing the burning structure that McDonough was upstairs, Dailey entered the house and went to the second floor, where he saw McDonough in the apartment's kitchen. Dailey started to descend the stairway with McDonough, but when they were about halfway down, flames from the first floor increased suddenly and, spreading to the stairway, blocked their course. They returned to the second floor and exited the building through a back door that opened onto a porch. With flames growing and spreading rapidly, Dailey took McDonough down an exterior

stairway, then to safety at the front of the house. Examined at the scene, McDonough sustained minor ill effect. Daily was taken to the hospital, where he was detained overnight for treatment of smoke inhalation. He recovered.

76207-8693

MICHAEL K. DALEY MOUNT WASHINGTON, KENTUCKY

Michael K. Daley rescued Sandra L. Rodriguez from burning, Jeffersonrown, Kentucky, February 5, 2002. Ms. Rodriquez, 43, was the passenger in the cab of a tractor-trailer that, driven by her husband, rolled onto its passenger side during an interstate highway accident in the darkness. The rig skidded along the highway before stopping with its cab somewhat elevated over the pavement. Her husband escaped the cab, but Ms. Rodriguez remained inside, her lower body trapped in the wreckage. Flames broke out on the trailer, which had been carrying hazardous and flammable cargo, and they grew and spread quickly. Driving on the highway, Daley, 47, salesman, saw the wreckage and ran to the scene. As fire consumed the trailer, he worked himself into the space between the pavement and the passenger side of the cab and, reaching through the window of the passenger door, pulled on Ms. Rodriquez. After a struggle, during which flames spread to the inside of the cab, Daley freed Ms. Rodriquez and pulled her from the vehicle. He extinguished flames on her, then helped her husband and others carry her away. Ms. Rodriquez was hospitalized about five months for treatment of severe and extensive burns and other injuries. Daley also required hospital treatment, for first-degree burns to both hands. He recovered. 75891-8687

MICHAEL B. DAVIS STARTEX, SOUTH CAROLINA

Michael B. Davis rescued Juanita G. Henderson from burning, Duncan, South Carolina, May 24, 2002. Ms. Henderson, 74, collapsed to the floor of the dining room in her one-story house after an electrical fire broke out in a bedroom and filled the house with smoke. Driving in the vicinity, Davis, 36, off-duty firefighter, was alerted to the fire by radio. He responded to the scene, where he learned that Ms. Henderson was still inside the burning house. After calling out to her and receiving a response, Davis entered the

house through its kitchen door. He crawled across the kitchen and into the dining room, and, following Ms. Henderson's voice, found her on the floor about 20 feet from the kitchen door. Davis grasped Ms. Henderson by the arms and dragged her to the kitchen door, where a neighbor helped take her into the yard. Davis returned to the house in an attempt to rescue another neighbor, who had been overcome in the bedroom while fighting the fire. Deteriorating conditions forced him out, and that neighbor died at the scene. Ms. Henderson was hospitalized two days for treatment of smoke inhalation and burns, and she recovered. Davis sustained minor burns, to the back of his neck and his arm, and smoke inhalation, for which he required oxygen. He recovered.

EVANGELOS DIMOTSANTOS LAS VEGAS. NEVADA

Evangelos Dimotsantos rescued Julie M. Deperini and Jason M. Jones from burning, Las Vegas, Nevada, July 21, 2002. Ms. Deperini, 22, was in the front passenger seat, and Jones, 24, in the driver's seat, of a car that, in an accident on an interstate highway at night, left the roadway, struck a tree and a fence, and caught fire. Flames spread, entering the vehicle. Driving on the highway, Dimotsantos, 43, limousine driver, saw the fire and stopped at the scene. He approached the passenger side of the burning car, where Ms. Deperini was emerging head first through the door window. Dimotsantos grasped her and pulled her the rest of the way out. After setting her on the ground away from the car, he returned to it and, despite flames on the front seats, reached his arms through the window and grasped Iones. He pulled Jones through the window and set him on the ground, then moved Ms. Deperini and Jones farther away from the car. The vehicle was destroyed by the flames. Ms. Deperini and Jones required hospitalization for treatment of burns, including second-degree, and other injury. 76262-8735

JAMES L. DISNEY ALDAN, PENNSYLVANIA

Iames L. Disney saved Ierome Powers, Ir., from burning, Upper Darby, Pennsylvania, November 12, 2001. Jerome, 5, was in his family's two-story row house after fire broke out in the basement and sent dense smoke upstairs. Police officers, including Disney, 43, were dispatched to the scene, where they learned from Jerome's family members that he was unaccounted for. After rescue attempts by other officers, Disney entered the burning house. Calling out to Jerome, he crawled through an enclosed porch, then into the smoke-filled living room toward the sound of Jerome's voice. Having gone about 12 feet to the foot of the stairs to the second floor. Disney saw Jerome on the stairway. He ascended a few steps and grasped Jerome but then fell with him to the living room floor. Holding Jerome, Disney crawled back to the front door, where he handed Jerome to another officer. Disney crawled out of the house. He was treated at the scene and later at the hospital for smoke inhalation, and he recovered. Jerome also required hospital treatment for smoke inhalation 75727-8673

IAN SEAN DUFFEY, DECEASED TORONTO, ONTARIO

Ian Sean Duffey died after rescuing Marjorie M. Sliwiok from burning, Toronto, Ontario, December 25, 2001. At night, Ms. Sliwiok, 72, was asleep in a bedroom on the third floor of a three-story townhouse after fire broke out on the floor below. In the adjacent bedroom, her grandson, Ian, 17, high school student, awoke to the fire, as did his older sister. Ian aided his sister in escaping through a window, but instead of following her, he responded to Ms. Sliwiok's room and awakened her. He got Ms. Sliwiok to a window in that room and put her through it. She fell to the ground. Ian was not seen alive again; his body, along with that of a younger sister, was later recovered from the structure. He had died of smoke inhalation. Ms. Sliwiok was hospitalized three months for treatment of minor burns and other injuries.

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RICHARD D. EGAN

LOCKPORT, ILLINOIS

Richard D. Egan rescued Linda M. Davis from burning, Lockport, Illinois, July 29, 2002. Ms. Davis, 36, was unconscious in the driver's seat of a sport utility vehicle after an accident at night in which the vehicle left the roadway, broke through a metal fence, and caught fire. Egan, 46, telephone service technician who lived several hundred feet away, heard the crash and ran to the scene. Flames were issuing from the vehicle's passenger side and from that area of its interior, and a section of the fence lav against the driver's side. With assistance from a passerby, Egan moved the fence away from the vehicle to gain access to the driver's door. He then opened the door and leaned inside. Ms. Davis's clothing had caught fire by then, and Egan patted out those flames with his hands. He seized Ms. Davis about the arms and pulled her head first from the vehicle, then dragged her away. Flames destroyed the vehicle. Ms. Davis was hospitalized for treatment of extensive burns, and Egan was treated at a hospital emergency room for first- and second-degree burns to both hands. He recovered. 76298-8762

ÉRIC FORTIER Gatineau, Quebec

Éric Fortier rescued Alain Parenteau and Patricia Doyon from an attacking polar bear, Kimmirut, Nunavut, July 27, 2001. Parenteau, 31, and Ms. Doyon, 25, were camping in a subarctic territorial park on Baffin Island when a polar bear slashed their tent as they slept. They attempted to flee, but the bear attacked them, taking Parenteau to the ground and mauling him. Fortier, 32, orthodontist, responded from his nearby tent and threw a large rock at the bear. The bear ceased its attack on Parenteau but turned on Ms. Doyon and began to maul her. Armed only with a pocketknife, Fortier charged the bear and stabbed it three times about the neck before the bear ceased its attack on Ms. Doyon and ambled away. The group boarded their canoes and set off for the nearest settlement, seven miles away. Parenteau and Ms. Doyon were taken by helicopter to a hospital, where they were detained for treatment of their injuries, Parenteau requiring surgery. Authorities searched for the bear without success.

JEROME F. FRYER HAMBURG, NEW JERSEY

Jerome F. Fryer saved Heron Barclay from assault, East Orange, New Jersey, March 24, 2001. Wounded by a gunshot to the leg, Barclay, a police officer, lay next to a patrol car in an intersection after he and his partner attempted to apprehend two suspects. The partner began to fire at the suspects' car, as did another officer, who had arrived from the opposite direction. Fryer, 46, firefighter, was in a fire station located at the scene and heard the shooting. Seeing Barclay down, he ran into the intersection to Barclay despite the gunfire continuing. Fryer aided Barclay to his feet, then supported him as they walked, crouched, to the fire station, where he and other firefighters tended Barclay until other help arrived. Barclay required hospital treatment for his wound.

GABRIEL GHERLE SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

Gabriel Gherle rescued Ricardo B. Monteiro from burning, Sacramento, California, January 18, 2002. Ricardo, 3, was unconscious in a bedroom of his family's one-story house after fire broke out in the living room. Working in the neighborhood, Gherle, 25, construction worker, saw smoke and responded to the scene, where he learned that Ricardo was still in the burning house. He broke out a window at the front of the house and entered but did not find Ricardo in that smoke-filled room. Exiting through the window, Gherle went to the back of the house, where a neighbor had just removed Ricardo's sister through a window of the back bedroom. Wetting himself down with a garden hose, Gherle went through the window, finding that bedroom also filled with smoke. He searched the room on his hands and knees and found Ricardo unconscious on the floor. Gherle wet Ricardo down with the hose, then returned to the window with him and climbed out. He handed Ricardo over to arriving rescue personnel. Ricardo was hospitalized eight days for treatment of smoke inhalation, and he recovered. Gherle also inhaled smoke but recovered later that day. 75844-8745

WILLIAM J. GIBB Mississauga, Ontario

William J. Gibb saved Ludmila Vavryshchuk from assault, Toronto, Ontario, November 20, 2000. Ms. Vavryshchuk, 36, was an attendant in the doughnut shop owned and managed by Gibb, 59, when, late at night, two teen-age boys entered the shop to rob it. The boys produced knives, and one of them jumped over the counter and ordered Ms. Vavryshchuk to open the cash register. She struggled to do so. In the adjoining kitchen, Gibb heard shouting coming from the shop and, looking through the kitchen door, saw one of the assailants holding Ms. Vavryshchuk at knifepoint. After calling police, Gibb ran into the shop, pulled the assailant away from her, then struggled against the assailant to disarm him. The assailant stabbed Gibb once, in the back, then, taking the cash register, he and his accomplice fled. Gibb required hospitalization for treatment, including surgery, of his injuries. The boys were apprehended later.

JASON PAUL GORDON

Brunswick, Maryland

Jason Paul Gordon saved Nancy A. Hay from burning, Knoxville, Maryland, January 19, 2002. Ms. Hay, 46, was trapped in her car after an accident on a snowy highway in which the car struck and mounted a guide rail, rupturing its fuel tank, then caught fire. Traveling behind her, Gordon, 27, salesman, witnessed the accident. He stopped at the scene. As flames blocked access to the car's driver's door, Gordon struck its windshield repeatedly with his fists, then with a shovel provided by another motorist. He created a hole in the windshield, then enlarged it, reached into the car, and grasped Ms. Hay. He pulled her through the hole and from the car. Flames filled the car's interior. Ms. Hay required hospital treatment for minor injury, and Gordon sustained cuts to his hands, from which he recovered.

ANTHONY GOUVERNEUR

Evansville, Indiana

Anthony Gouverneur rescued Karin L. Johnson from burning, Vital Junction, California, March 28, 2002. Ms. Johnson, 34, was the front-seat passenger of an automobile that was struck head on by another automobile on a remote stretch of highway in early evening. Fire erupted on both cars. Gouverneur, 27, truck driver, stopped at the scene, as did other motorists. Seeing Ms. Johnson moving inside her car, Gouverneur attempted without success to open the front passenger door, then he used a fire extinguisher to break its window. He unlocked the door and pulled it open. Despite flames issuing from the car's engine area and dashboard, Gouverneur leaned inside, grasped Ms. Johnson, and pulled her out. He dragged her to safety, then returned to the car for the driver, but flames repulsed him. The drivers of both cars died in the accident. Ms. Johnson was hospitalized for treatment of injuries received during the collision and for burns. Gouverneur was treated at the scene for a burn to one arm, and he recovered.

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NATHAN MICHAEL GRUBE

Wind Gap, Pennsylvania

Nathan Michael Grube helped to rescue William S. Smith, Jr., from burning, Brunswick, Georgia, September 21, 2002. Smith, 52, was in the left front seat of a six-passenger airplane that a student pilot was attempting to land at an airport. The plane struck the ground just short of the runway and burst into flames at its front end. Both wings, which held the plane's fuel tanks, and the plane's only door, on the right side of the fuselage, were torn off in the accident, in which Smith lost consciousness. The pilot released his and Smith's safety belt, then stepped from the wreckage. Grube, 23, chef, was driving near the airport and saw the burning plane just after the crash. He immediately parked and with others ran to the scene, approaching the plane on its right side. Despite flames on the plane's nose and wings and in the cockpit, Grube leaned into the plane, his jacket placed over his head for protection, and grasped Smith. He and the pilot, who had returned to the plane and also reached inside for Smith, then pulled Smith from the wreckage. They and others carried him away from the plane, the front half of which was shortly engulfed by flames. Smith was hospitalized for treatment 76433-8754 of severe burns and other injuries.

ROSS G. GUY Perris, California

Ross G. Guy helped to save Edgar T. DeLeon from burning, Moreno Valley, California, January 10, 2002. DeLeon, 20, was unconscious in the driver's seat of his car after a highway accident in which the car collided with another. The vehicles came to rest in close proximity to each other, and flames that broke out on the other car spread to DeLeon's. Guy, 52, disabled counselor, drove upon the scene and approached the driver's side of DeLeon's car, where he attempted to open the driver's door, as did two other men. After one of the other men broke out the window to that door, the men found that DeLeon was restrained by his safety belt. Flames by then had entered the rear interior of the car, and Guy and the others were forced back by the heat and smoke. Returning to the car, they started to remove DeLeon through the driver's door but found that his foot was trapped. After one of the other men partially entered the car and freed the foot, Guy and the two other men removed DeLeon from the car and carried him to safety. The cars were destroyed in the accident and fire. DeLeon was hospitalized for treatment of his injuries, and Guy sustained minor cuts on his hands and arms and smoke inhalation. He recovered. 75820-8700

KASSANDRA JENNE GUYMON Clinton, Utah

Kassandra Jenne Guymon saved a boy from being struck by a train, Sunset, Utah, March 13, 2002. Seeing a 4-year-old boy standing unattended along a railroad track at a crossing, Kassandra, 17, high school student, who was passing by in a vehicle, stopped at a nearby house to make inquiry. While there, she saw and heard a train approaching. Kassandra immediately ran 225 feet to the boy, who was at the edge of the track on which the train was traveling at about 40 m.p.h. Reaching him when the train was about 100 feet away, Kassandra grasped the boy and pulled him away from the track. The front of the train passed them within moments. It did not stop. 75969-8677

GEORGE W. HAAS

LANGENBURG, SASKATCHEWAN

George W. Haas saved Glen A. Pattison and David G. Robertson from drowning, Kamsack, Saskatchewan, November 8, 2001. Pattison, 43, and Robertson, 58, were passengers in the cab of a pickup truck that was being driven by another man on a narrow, snow-covered road in a provincial park. The men had offered a ride to Haas, 59, farmer and retired miner, whose vehicle was a mile distant, and Haas was in the bed of the truck. The pickup slid from the roadway, then went down a steep bank, overturning, and broke through the ice of a frozen beaver pond at the base of the bank. It landed upside down in the pond, its passenger side about five feet from the bank, trapping Haas under the bed and the three other men in the partially submerged cab. Haas attempted unsuccessfully to open the pickup's tailgate. then he submerged and went head first under the edge of the bed to clear the truck. When he tried to surface in the pond, he found that he was under solid ice. Striking the ice repeatedly until it broke, he surfaced to realize that the other men were still in the cab. Although he had taken in water and was in pain and nearly exhausted, Haas made his way to the passenger side of the truck and, with difficulty, opened the door. He pulled Pattison from the cab and helped Robertson out. The three men then extracted the driver, who was unconscious, and took him to the bank, where they tended him. Haas left the scene to alert help, then was taken to the hospital, where he was detained overnight for treatment of having nearly drowned. Pattison sustained bruises but did not require treatment, and Robertson required medical attention for his injuries. The driver did not survive. 76391-8749

ABRAHAM JOHN HART

BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

Abraham John Hart helped to rescue Alfredo M. Tapia from burning, Emeryville, California, May 19, 2002. Tapia, 56, was trapped inside his burning car following an accident on an interstate highway after dark. Hart, 22, college student, was driving on the same highway and came upon the scene just after the crash. He and another man responded to Tapia's car, which was filled with smoke and from which flames issued at the rear. Unable to open the car's damaged doors, Hart repeatedly struck its windshield with his elbow as the other man pounded on it with his fist. The windshield

shattered but remained largely in place. Hart removed the glass, reached into the car, the interior of which was aflame, and pulled Tapia over the steering wheel and onto the hood. Hart and the other man then lifted Tapia from the hood and carried him to the highway shoulder. The car was engulfed by flames within minutes. Tapia was hospitalized for burns, including to his head and face, and Hart required hospital treatment for acute abrasions, some deep, to his hands and for swelling to his elbow. They recovered.

76171-8725

DANIEL F. HEEDE, DECEASED BARNHART, MISSOURI

Daniel F. Heede died helping to save Kristin L. Mason and Steven E. Granby from drowning, Panama City Beach, Florida, May 2, 2002. Swimming in the Gulf of Mexico, Ms. Mason, 19, was unable to return to shore against rough water conditions, and Granby, 24, likewise became stranded when he attempted to help her. On the beach nearby, Heede, 52, postal service clerk, was alerted to the situation. Removing his shoes and shirt, he entered the water and swam to the couple. Another man also entered the water from the beach and swam out; he grasped Granby and started to take him to shore while Heede supported Ms. Mason. Ms. Mason then joined Granby and the other man, who took her to wadable water before returning for Granby and taking him in. Heede was seen floating in the water. Nearly exhausted, the other man swam out to him and, with the help of a deputy sheriff, took him to shore. Heede could not be revived; he had drowned.

DALE W. HICKS II Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dale W. Hicks II helped to save Kristin L. Mason and Steven E. Granby and helped attempt to save Daniel F. Heede from drowning, Panama City Beach, Florida, May 2, 2002. Swimming in the Gulf of Mexico, Ms. Mason, 19, was unable to return to shore against rough water conditions, and Granby, 24, likewise became stranded when he attempted to help her. On the beach nearby, Hicks, 31, college student, was alerted to the situation. Removing his sandals and shirt, he entered the water and swam to the couple, as had Heede, 52. Hicks grasped Granby and started to take him to shore while

Heede supported Ms. Mason. Ms. Mason then joined Granby and Hicks, who took her to wadable water before returning for Granby and taking him in. Heede was seen floating in the water. Nearly exhausted, Hicks swam out to him and, with the help of a deputy sheriff, took him to shore. Heede could not be revived; he had drowned.

76351-8703

LARRY J. HICKS TROY, ALABAMA

Larry J. Hicks saved Jack E. Roush from drowning, Troy, Alabama, April 19, 2002. Unconscious and badly injured, Roush, 60, remained restrained in a seat of the open-cockpit, light airplane he had been flying, after it crashed into a small lake. The plane, inverted and nose down in the eight-foot-deep lake, leaked aviation fuel into the water. Hicks, 52, conservation enforcement officer, was at his home nearby and witnessed the accident. He immediately responded to the lake, then took a boat to where parts of the plane were protruding from the water. Although somewhat weakened by effects of cancer treatment, Hicks dived into the water to search for occupants of the plane, finding Roush on the second dive and freeing him on the third. Surfacing, Hicks resuscitated Roush, who remained unconscious. Rescue personnel responding by boat towed Roush to the bank, Hicks helping to support him. Roush required hospitalization for treatment of numerous injuries, and he recovered. Hicks sustained first-degree chemical burns about his upper body, which required hospital treatment and from which he recovered, and related 75976-8671 injury.

ERIC C. HURST, DECEASED VENTURA, CALIFORNIA

Eric C. Hurst died attempting to save Jamie Christenson from drowning, Ely, Minnesota, July 30, 2002. Despite wearing two life jackets, Jamie, 17, became caught in the boil of water at the base of Upper Basswood Falls, on the Basswood River, while on a wilderness canoeing expedition with a camp group. Hurst, 24, the canoe guide for another group from the camp that was at the scene, was alerted from nearby. Also wearing two life jackets, Hurst entered the river and waded toward Jamie. He too became caught in the boil

and, with Jamie, remained there for several minutes, despite efforts to free them by members of their groups and a scouting party that responded to the scene. Then propelled from the boil, Jamie and Hurst were removed from the river by the others, and resuscitation was attempted. They had drowned.

76344-8761

JAMIE L. INMAN, DECEASED PELLVILLE, KENTUCKY

Jamie L. Inman rescued Jessie L. and Nathan S. Inman and died attempting to rescue Hannah C. Hutchinson from burning, Pellville, Kentucky, February 8, 2002. Jessie, 10; Nathan, 1, and Hannah, 3, were in a bedroom of a mobile home after fire broke out in the adjacent living room at night. Ms. Inman, 24, medical assistant, who was the mother of Nathan and Hannah and the stepmother of Jessie, was in the home's master bedroom, as was her husband. Discovering the fire, Ms. Inman and her husband fled the mobile home after deteriorating conditions precluded their reaching the children's bedroom. They responded to a point outside one of that bedroom's windows, which the husband broke out. He then lifted Ms. Inman to the window, where she reached inside for Jessie and pulled her from the structure. Lifted back to the window, Ms. Inman entered the bedroom, picked up Nathan, and handed him outside. With fire conditions worsening in the bedroom, Ms. Inman collapsed. Firefighters found her body there, with Hannah's nearby; both had died of smoke inhalation. Jessie and Nathan were hospitalized for treatment of extensive burns. 76793-8750

A. R. JOHNSON Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

A. R. Johnson rescued Wen Ting Huang from assault, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, June 5, 2002. Ms. Huang, 30, was attacked in her home, then outside on the sidewalk, by a man wielding an eight-inch meat cleaver. Johnson, 26, apprentice electrician, was driving to his home in the neighborhood when he saw the assault. He stopped his vehicle, exited, and ran about 40 feet to the assailant, shouting. The assailant turned toward Johnson, then dropped the weapon. Johnson pushed the assailant against the

wall of a house along the sidewalk and engaged him in a hold until two police officers arrived shortly. The assailant was then combative as the officers arrested him. Ms. Huang required hospitalization for treatment of numerous wounds.

76107-8731

JACQULINE L. JOHNSON

LEXINGTON, MISSOURI

Jacquline L. Johnson saved Curtis L. Minks from burning, Higginsville, Missouri, October 30, 2001. Dazed, Minks, 64, remained inside the cab of a dump truck after a highway accident in which the truck overturned onto its driver's side, came to rest in a ditch alongside the road, and caught fire. Ms. Johnson, 39, developmental assistant, was a passenger in an approaching car that then stopped at the scene. She ran to the cab to check for occupants and saw Minks inside. Despite flames on the underside of the vehicle and inside it, on its bench seat, Ms. Johnson sat on the ground next to the broken-out windshield, reached into the cab, and grasped Minks. She started to pull him out but realized that his legs were caught. Requiring repeated attempts, Ms. Johnson freed his legs, then pulled Minks through the windshield and moved him away from the truck, the cab of which shortly supported a sudden increase of flames. Minks required overnight hospitalization for treatment of injuries sustained in the accident, and he recovered. Ms. Johnson received hospital treatment for exposure to smoke, and she sustained a sore back. She recovered. 75979-8672

KALVIN KABINOFF Chesterfield, Missouri

Kalvin Kabinoff rescued Angelina M. Hutsell from burning, Ladue, Missouri, April 14, 2002. After a highway accident at night in which her car left the roadway, caught fire, and went down an embankment, Ms. Hutsell, 19, unconscious, lay extended through the window of the driver's door, her head remaining inside the car. The passenger of one of the vehicles that stopped at the scene, Kabinoff, 52, physician recruiter, ran down the embankment to the car after seeing Ms. Hutsell there. Despite flames that issued high from the car and virtually engulfed it, he grasped Ms. Hutsell and started to pull her from the car. Finding a strap of her safety belt around her shoulder,

Kabinoff removed the strap, then pulled Ms. Hutsell completely out. He rolled her on the ground to extinguish flames on her upper body, then dragged her up the embankment, receiving help from others. Ms. Hutsell required lengthy hospitalization for treatment of extensive burns, including third-degree, from which she eventually recovered. Kabinoff sustained a burn to his left wrist, from which he recovered, and he singed his eyebrows.

76055-8678

CAROLYN M. KELLY Shreveport, Louisiana

Carolyn M. Kelly helped to save Nina M. Hutchinson from drowning, Shreveport, Louisiana, September 1, 2002. The car in which Ms. Hutchinson, 83, was a passenger entered a small pond and began to sink in water about 11 feet deep. She exited the car and struggled to stay afloat in the center of the pond, about 50 feet from the bank. Ms. Kelly, 81, retired medical technologist, heard the accident from her nearby home and, after notifying authorities, responded to the scene. Recognizing Ms. Hutchinson and seeing her difficulty, Ms. Kelly removed her outer attire, entered the pond, and swam to her. She grasped Ms. Hutchinson and moved to the submerging car, where she supported Ms. Hutchinson as she held to the car. Firefighters began to arrive within minutes, and one of them entered the pond and swam to the women. He took Ms. Hutchinson to the bank, Ms. Kelly following. Ms. Hutchinson was admitted to the hospital, where she died the following day.

76330-8744

BRIAN PATRICK LALEMAND MINOT, MAINE

Brian Patrick Lalemand saved Dorothy A. Trask from burning, Augusta, Maine, March 2, 2002. Dazed, Ms. Trask, 59, remained inside her sport utility vehicle following an accident in which the vehicle left the roadway and overturned onto its passenger side. Other motorists, including Lalemand, 40, forklift operator, stopped at the scene. Smoke, then flames, issued from the vehicle's engine. Lalemand climbed atop the vehicle and opened the driver's door. Partially entering the vehicle, he supported Ms. Trask as he released her safety belt. He then pulled her from the vehicle and lowered her to others.

Growing flames at the front of the vehicle by then were issuing from the wheel well, and they soon spread to the inside of the vehicle. Lalemand descended to the ground, then helped to carry Ms. Trask away. Flames shortly engulfed the vehicle and destroyed it. Ms. Trask received hospital treatment for minor injury, and Lalemand sustained muscle soreness. They recovered.

75936-8669

SALVATORE LATINA

HAWLEY, PENNSYLVANIA

Salvatore Latina attempted to rescue Michael Walter from assault, Port Jervis, New York, July 5, 2002. Walter, 43, was in the showroom of the automobile dealership where he worked when a man armed with a gun entered the building, approached him, and shot at him repeatedly at close range. As customers and other employees fled, Latina, 55, who had been seated nearby, walked toward the assailant and told him to stop shooting. The assailant moved closer to Walter and shot him again. Latina rushed the assailant, pinned him against a wall, and struggled with him for control of the gun. The weapon fired, striking and severely injuring Latina's right index finger. Despite his wound, Latina took the gun from the assailant, wrestled him to the floor, and detained him there until police arrived. Latina required surgery and physical therapy on his finger but lost most of its mobility. Walter died at the scene of his injuries.

JEFFREY R. LEBLANC YORK, MAINE

Jeffrey R. LeBlanc saved Michael D. Caprarella and Leeanna M. Cormier from burning, York, Maine, August 30, 2002. Caprarella, 18, remained in the driver's seat, and Ms. Cormier, 18, in the front passenger seat, of a car that had caught fire in its engine area after a highway accident. At his nearby house, LeBlanc, 42, carpenter, heard the crash, then, running to the scene, heard Ms. Cormier scream. Precluded from access to the driver's door by the proximity of the flames, LeBlanc went to the rear door on the driver's side and opened it. Partially entering the car, he pulled Caprarella into the back-seat area, then out of the car. LeBlanc re-entered the car, fully, and

grasped Ms. Cormier by the arms. He pulled her into the back-seat area, then from the car, and moved her farther away. The car was shortly engulfed by flames and was destroyed. Caprarella and Ms. Cormier required hospital treatment for their injuries, but neither was burned.

76394-8721

JAMES M. LEE BATH, NEW YORK

James M. Lee saved Topaz L. Wolfanger from burning, Bath, New York, November 12, 2001. Topaz, 5, was in a bedroom of her family's apartment, on the first floor of a two-story building, after fire broke out in the basement at night and filled the apartment with thick smoke. Driving in the vicinity, Lee, 30, police officer, saw smoke at the scene and responded. Learning that Topaz was still inside the apartment, Lee entered the building through a front door, then entered the apartment. He got down on his hands and knees but was unable to see because of the smoke, which was issuing through the floor. Lee stood and, following Topaz's voice, made his way across the living room and kitchen. He found Topaz's bedroom, which was above the vicinity of the fire's origin, then located Topaz on a bed in that room. He picked her up, put a blanket over her, and left the bedroom. He became disoriented while in the kitchen, but made his way to the living room, where he feared not finding the apartment door. Following cooler air and the voices of others, Lee went to the door, then outside the building to safety, where he collapsed. Topaz was not injured. Lee was given oxygen at the scene, then was taken to the hospital for treatment of smoke inhalation. He recovered. 75724-8684

DANIEL P. LENNON Cooper City, Florida

Daniel P. Lennon saved Shameeza K. Ishahak from drowning, Cooper City, Florida, April 25, 2002. Ms. Ishahak, 34, who could not swim, remained inside her sport utility vehicle after it left the roadway, entered a canal, and began to sink. Lennon, 18, high school student, who was a passenger in a vehicle nearby on the same road, responded to the scene. Removing his outer attire, he entered the canal and swam to Ms. Ishahak's vehicle, which was starting to sink nose first in the 15-foot-deep water. Using a tool he had taken with him, and then his fist, Lennon broke out the window of the front

passenger door. He reached through the window and pulled Ms. Ishahak from the vehicle, then swam her to the opposite bank, which was closer. Ms. Ishahak and Lennon sustained minor injury from which they recovered.

76039-8733

JEFFERY MICHAEL LEWIS MESA, ARIZONA

Jeffery Michael Lewis saved Virgil A. Jagelski from burning, Mesa, Arizona, December 11, 2001. Jagelski remained in the driver's seat of a car after it entered the premises of a service station, knocked over a gasoline pump, and caught fire. Flames immediately broke out underneath the car, which came to rest atop the pump island, and spread to its hood and driver's side. Lewis, 40, air conditioning contractor, was in his parked vehicle nearby and witnessed the accident. He went to the passenger side of the burning car and opened the door, then reached inside and removed Jagelski's young son from the front seat and carried him away. Returning to the car, Lewis re-entered it through the passenger door and, kneeling on the front seat, shouted at Jagelski, but Jagelski remained unresponsive. Lewis unfastened Jagelski's safety belt, grasped him, and, backing through the passenger door, pulled him out of the car and dragged him away as flames continued to grow and spread.

DANNY RAY MANGUM Durham, North Carolina

Danny Ray Mangum rescued Cynthia A. Jones from burning, Carrboro, North Carolina, August 15, 2002. Cynthia, 17, was suspended by her safety belt in the driver's seat of a pickup truck that had overturned onto its roof and caught fire in a highway accident. Driving on the same highway, Mangum, 42, towing company operator, arrived at the scene shortly after the accident and saw Cynthia inside the pickup. He used a fire extinguisher against the flames on the truck, but to no effect. Despite blistering heat inside the cab and flames beginning to enter there, Mangum extended his upper body through the window of the driver's door but could not reach the release for Cynthia's safety belt. He then pulled on the belt, loosening it sufficiently

for Cynthia to free herself from it. Mangum grasped Cynthia by the arm and pulled her from the truck, which was shortly engulfed by flames. Cynthia was hospitalized a week for treatment of severe burns to her back and other injuries. Mangum sustained minor burns to his right arm, and he recovered.

76314-8695

RANDY J. MARSMAN PENTWATER, MICHIGAN

Randy J. Marsman helped to save Duane R. Ely from burning, Ludington, Michigan, July 22, 2002. Ely, 52, remained in the driver's seat of his pickup truck after an accident in which the truck was struck in the rear by another pickup and propelled from the highway onto the grassy shoulder. Ely's truck had burst into flames at its rear, and spilled gasoline burned on the ground around it and on the highway. Several motorists, including Marsman, 49, builder, stopped at the scene. Marsman approached the passenger side of Ely's truck and attempted to open the door, but he found it jammed. He then climbed atop the hood of the burning vehicle and stomped on the windshield, until a large piece of it dislodged. Another man joined him on the hood, and they reached through the windshield opening for Ely but found him stuck. Marsman entered the cab to his waist and freed Ely, then he and the other man pulled Ely, head first, through the windshield opening and onto the hood as flames from the rear of the truck advanced toward the cab. Marsman and the other man carried Ely from the truck. Ely required hospital treatment for neck and back injuries, and Marsman received a cut on his forehead, from which he recovered. 76333-8751

FRANK G. MARTINEZ La Jara, Colorado

Frank G. Martinez saved Kelly R. McNeil from drowning, Mosca, Colorado, May 10, 2002. McNeil, 35, struggled to stay afloat in the choppy, 55-degree water of San Luis Lake after he was spilled from the boat in which he was fishing. The boat drifted away. Martinez, 34, college student, who was fishing at another part of the lake, responded to the bank at the scene after being alerted to the accident. Removing his boots, he entered the water, then waded and swam to McNeil, who was about 600 feet out. Martinez held McNeil to

his side as he began to return to the bank, then, although McNeil outweighed him, Martinez repositioned McNeil to his own back to keep him from being submerged. Martinez continued with McNeil to the bank. McNeil required hospital treatment for hypothermia, and he recovered. Cold after the rescue, Martinez recovered by that evening.

76127-8723

AARON T. McCRAW Portland, Oregon

Aaron T. McCraw helped to rescue Alfredo M. Tapia from burning, Emeryville, California, May 19, 2002. Tapia, 56, was trapped inside his burning car following an accident on an interstate highway after dark. McCraw, 19, student, who was a passenger of the other vehicle involved in the accident, responded to Tapia's car, which was filled with smoke and from which flames issued at the rear. Another motorist also responded. Unable to open the car's damaged doors, the other motorist repeatedly struck its windshield with his elbow as McCraw pounded on it with his fist. The windshield shattered but remained largely in place. The other motorist removed the glass, reached into the car, the interior of which was aflame, and pulled Tapia over the steering wheel and onto the hood. McCraw and the other motorist then lifted Tapia from the hood and carried him to the highway shoulder. The car was engulfed by flames within minutes. Tapia was hospitalized for burns, including to his head and face, and McCraw was treated at the hospital for cuts to his right hand and other ill effects sustained 76477-8726 in the accident. All three men recovered.

CHRISTOPHER McGALLIARD, DECEASED SYLACAUGA, ALABAMA

Christopher McGalliard died attempting to save Sarah A. Hale from drowning, Cropwell, Alabama, April 21, 2002. Sarah, 13, fell from the personal watercraft she had been using on Logan Martin Lake and shouted for help. McGalliard, 25, truck driver, who was fishing from a pier about 150 feet away, removed his shoes, dived into the water from the end of the pier, and swam toward Sarah. When he had reached a point about 10 feet from

her, he submerged. Persons aboard a boat that arrived about then pulled Sarah from the water and made attempts to locate McGalliard. His body was recovered by responding rescue personnel; he had drowned. Sarah sustained a wrist injury, from which she recovered.

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JAMES J. E. McNEIL, DECEASED BLANCA, COLORADO

James J. E. McNeil died attempting to save Kelly R. McNeil from drowning, Mosca, Colorado, May 10, 2002. McNeil, 35, was fishing from a boat on San Luis Lake with his son, James, 15, high school student, and another teenage boy. As they attempted to move the boat, the high winds and choppy water caused it to tip, and McNeil was thrown into the lake. The boat began to drift away. James removed his jacket, then dived into the water. He surfaced and started to swim to McNeil, who was struggling to stay afloat in the 55-degree water, but he submerged en route. A man who was fishing at another part of the lake responded to the bank at the scene after being alerted to the accident. Removing his boots, he entered the water, then waded and swam to McNeil, who was about 600 feet out. The man held McNeil to his side as he began to return to the bank, then, although McNeil outweighed him, the man repositioned McNeil to his own back to keep him from being submerged. The man continued with McNeil to the bank. McNeil and the other teenage boy, who had drifted toward the bank in the boat, were taken to the hospital, where McNeil was treated for hypothermia. He recovered. Rescue personnel searched for James over the following two days. His body was found along the bank of the lake 12 days after the accident; he had drowned. 76126-8722

JAMES A. MITCHELL, DECEASED HENDERSON, NORTH CAROLINA

James A. Mitchell died attempting to save Candace C. Foster from drowning, Townsville, North Carolina, July 4, 2002. Candace, 13, waded into a cove of Kerr Lake at Henderson Point, and when she attempted to return to shore she began to struggle in deeper water. Mitchell, 21, in another party on shore, entered the lake and made his way to Candace, reaching her at a point about

75 feet out. A struggle ensued, then both submerged in the 10-foot-deep water and did not resurface. Their bodies were recovered within the hour by responding rescue personnel. They had drowned.

76247-8724

STEVE G. MONTELONGO MODESTO, CALIFORNIA

Steve G. Montelongo rescued Kathirne Mattox and saved Wayne S. Maxwell from burning, Modesto, California, February 10, 2002. Ms. Mattox, 80, and Maxwell, 79, were at home when a major explosion of leaking natural gas occurred in the one-story house's utility room, causing extensive damage to the structure and setting it aflame. Burned, Ms. Mattox attempted without success to open the front door. A neighbor, Montelongo, 62, retired construction worker, was nearby and heard the explosion. He responded to the burning house, where he saw Ms. Mattox through the living room window. Montelongo kicked open the front door and entered the house. He grasped Ms. Mattox and handed her outside to others, then turned and crossed the burning living room in search of Maxwell. Passing through the badly damaged and burning utility room, Montelongo found Maxwell in the kitchen. Advancing flames blocked a course to the front door, and structural damage precluded escape through the back door. Seeing another door to the outside, in a wall of the adjoining family room, Montelongo led Maxwell there, after first giving up his own shoes for Maxwell to wear. Montelongo kicked open that door and exited the house with Maxwell. Maxwell was hospitalized overnight for treatment of smoke inhalation, and Ms. Mattox required two days' hospitalization for treatment of burns. Montelongo suffered chest pains and was taken to the hospital for observation; he recovered. The house was destroyed in the explosion and fire.

JEFFREY MUMFORD St. Louis, Missouri

Jeffrey Mumford rescued Agatha Santangelo from assault, St. Louis, Missouri, April 16, 2002. After Ms. Santangelo, 38, a police officer, took a knife from a man whom she was attempting to question, the man turned on her. He punched her repeatedly, then took her to the pavement and attempted to remove her loaded pistol from its holster. At work in a building nearby,

Mumford, 37, shipping and receiving clerk, heard screaming, then saw Ms. Santangelo being attacked. He ran to the scene, where he jumped on the assailant, released the assailant's hold of Ms. Santangelo, and pulled him off her. Mumford pushed the assailant to the ground and secured him as Ms. Santangelo regained her bearings and handcuffed him. Ms. Santangelo required hospital treatment, then physical therapy, for multiple injuries inflicted by the assailant.

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BRIAN DUANE PEARSON

HINESVILLE, GEORGIA

Brian Duane Pearson helped to save Mark Daniel from burning, Gumbranch, Georgia, October 6, 2000. At night, Daniel, 35, remained in the cab of his pickup truck after an accident in which the vehicle left the roadway, struck a utility pole, and went down an embankment. Fire broke out in its engine compartment. At his house nearby when it lost electricity, Pearson, 22, materials inspector, left to investigate and drove upon the scene, where he found the wreckage of the truck and Daniel inside. Pearson returned to the road and stopped a woman who was driving by. They went to the passenger side of Daniel's truck, the flames on which had grown considerably by then and were entering the cab. They reached through the window of the passenger door, grasped Daniel, and attempted to pull him out, but he resisted the attempt. Persisting, they pulled him through the window just before an explosion at the truck threw them to the ground. Pearson and the woman then carried Daniel up the embankment toward the roadway as the truck became engulfed by flame. Daniel was hospitalized for treatment of his injuries. Pearson was treated at the hospital for minor cuts to his legs. He 75340-8696 recovered.

LEE PEDEN DIAMOND, OHIO

Lee Peden helped to save Mark Daniel from burning, Gumbranch, Georgia, October 6, 2000. At night, Daniel, 35, remained in the cab of his pickup truck after an accident in which the vehicle left the roadway, struck a utility pole, and went down an embankment. Fire broke out in its engine compartment. Ms. Peden, 20, college student, drove upon the scene and was

stopped by a man who had already found Daniel in the wreckage. Ms. Peden and the man went to the passenger side of Daniel's truck, the flames on which had grown considerably by then and were entering the cab. They reached through the window of the passenger door, grasped Daniel, and attempted to pull him out, but he resisted the attempt. Persisting, they pulled him through the window just before an explosion at the truck threw them to the ground. Ms. Peden and the man then carried Daniel up the embankment toward the roadway as the truck became engulfed by flame. Daniel was hospitalized for treatment of his injuries. Ms. Peden was treated at the hospital for minor cuts to her arms. She recovered.

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MARK J. PENTZ Levittown, Pennsylvania

Mark J. Pentz helped to save Joyce E. Egan from burning, Newtown, Pennsylvania, February 28, 2002. Ms. Egan, 36, remained in an automobile that, at night, left the roadway, struck a utility pole, and came to rest in an area of dense brush. The pole and car caught fire, as did the brush in places. Pentz, 40, police officer, responded to the scene, as did other officers and residents of the vicinity. They located the car, which was obscured from view, when Ms. Egan began to scream. Precluded by the brush from approaching the driver's side of the car, Pentz went to its passenger side, where he directed Ms. Egan to exit through the window of the driver's door. Despite flames issuing from the hood of the car within a foot of him, Pentz reached across the car's roof, grasped Ms. Egan, and pulled her to himself, then handed her to others. When he turned to move away from the car, he became caught in the brush and, having inhaled smoke, lost consciousness. Others took him from the car to safety, and he revived. Ms. Egan and Pentz required hospitalization, Pentz being detained overnight for treatment of smoke inhalation. He recovered. 75934-8689

ROBERT DONALT PERRY

Dearborn, Michigan

Robert Donalt Perry helped to rescue Robert C. and Deanna M. Boer from burning, Dearborn, Michigan, July 16, 2002. Boer and his wife, both 34, were in their two-story house when an explosion of leaking natural gas occurred in the basement and severely burned them. A neighbor, Perry, 38, automotive plant supervisor, was alerted to the situation. He and another neighbor immediately ran to the house, which had been structurally compromised and from which basement flames were issuing through the windows. Escaping gas continued to burn as they entered the house, Perry through a window in the living room and the other man through the front door after kicking it in. While Perry approached Boer, who was on a couch in the living room, and dragged him to the front door, the other man proceeded into the kitchen, where he saw Ms. Boer emerge from the basement stairway. He guided Ms. Boer toward the living room, then helped Perry take Boer to the front lawn, Ms. Boer likewise removed to the safety of that point. Boer and his wife required hospitalization for treatment of extensive burns. Perry inhaled smoke, and he recovered. 76395-8747

RONALD R. ROBERTSON, DECEASED FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA

Ronald R. Robertson died after helping to save an indeterminate number of persons from assault, Anaheim, California, September 14, 1999. A 43-year-old man armed with two revolvers entered a hospital and shot and killed two employees on the second floor. On the first floor, Robertson, 50, the hospital's environmental services director, was responding to the emergency alert when, nearing the stairs, he heard gunfire and identified it as such to a coworker. Robertson encountered the assailant and struggled against him in the corridor leading from the vicinity of the stairs to the hospital lobby. The assailant shot him repeatedly. Another hospital employee on the first floor heard gunfire then responded to the corridor and saw Robertson and the assailant struggling. That employee ran to them and, seizing the assailant, took him to the floor, where he detained him, with help from another man, until police arrived shortly. Robertson died of his gunshot wounds.

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DENNIS J. ROGERS

FONTHILL, ONTARIO

Dennis J. Rogers rescued Brenda Gregory from burning, Welland, Ontario, February 18, 2002. Disoriented, Ms. Gregory, 38, was in the bathroom on the first floor of her house after fire broke out at night in the adjoining kitchen and sent dense smoke into the house. A passing motorist, Rogers, 37, machinist, saw smoke issuing from the house and flames at its front windows. He responded to the house's rear door, where he learned that Ms. Gregory was still inside. Calling out to Ms. Gregory through the door, Rogers realized that she was unable to exit. Although visibility in the house was nil, Rogers entered, crawling. He told Ms. Gregory to pound on the floor so he could follow that sound to her. Rogers crawled to the bathroom, grasped Ms. Gregory by the wrists, and, crawling backward, dragged her to the rear door and outside. Ms. Gregory was treated at the hospital for superficial burns and smoke inhalation. Rogers suffered from effects of smoke inhalation for about three days, and he recovered.

RAINER E. SACHSE Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Rainer E. Sachse helped to save Alan G. Voce from burning, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, December 9, 2001. Voce, 75, remained inside the automobile he had been driving after it crashed into an unoccupied one-story building, traveled about 18 feet inside, and caught fire. Sachse, 44, physician, saw the hole in the building while driving by, then learned from a man there what had happened. Both men then entered the building and approached the car, which was burning at its front end. They saw Voce in the back seat, shouting for help. While the other man looked for a fire extinguisher, Sachse used a chair to break the car's left rear window. With heat and smoke conditions intensifying in the building, both men reached inside the car, grasped Voce, and pulled him out. They dragged him outside to safety as flames spread. Voce required hospital treatment for his injuries, and Sachse sustained a cut to his shin, from which he recovered.

BARRY SCHAFER DALHART, TEXAS

Barry Schafer helped to rescue Gerald D. McElroy from burning, Dalhart, Texas, June 26, 2002. McElroy, 63, remained inside the cab of the tractor-trailer he had been driving, after a head-on collision with another vehicle. He lay on the floor, unable to move, as flames entered the cab through the floor. Schafer, 19, lawn care service provider, who lived nearby, heard the accident and responded to the scene, where he learned from two other men who had arrived that McElroy remained in the burning cab. Despite dense smoke inside the cab, Schafer entered it through the passenger door and pulled McElroy from the floor to the passenger seat. While Schafer pushed McElroy from the cab, one of the other men aided from outside it, then Schafer and the other men took McElroy away from the truck. Flames shortly engulfed the cab. McElroy was hospitalized for third-degree burns to his right leg.

KEVIN D. SCHEIRER

EAST STROUDSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

Kevin D. Scheirer saved Alex and Giovanni Porres and Rodolfo Colón from drowning, Bushkill, Pennsylvania, July 21, 2002. Alex, 12, was wading in the Delaware River when he entered a section of deeper water. Then at a point about 50 feet from the bank, he had difficulty swimming and cried out for help. Although he was a nonswimmer, his father, Porres, 36, responded to his aid, but he too encountered difficulty in the deep water. A member of their party, Colón, 27, who was Alex's uncle, then responded and attempted to aid Porres, but a struggle ensued between them. Scheirer, 20, canoe service driver, was floating off the bank upstream. Alerted by the commotion, he swam to the scene, where he grasped Alex. He swam Alex toward the bank, handed him over to a family member, then turned and swam out to Porres. Scheirer grasped Porres, swam to the bank with him, and helped him from the river. Although he was tired by then, Scheirer re-entered the river and swam to Colón, who was submerging at a point farther from the bank than Alex and his father had been. Scheirer submerged, surfaced with Colón, and swam to the bank with him, then took him from the river. Porres and Colón were given oxygen at the scene, and Colón was taken to a hospital for treatment of having nearly drowned. They recovered. 76329-8732

JOEL J. SCHUNEMAN

Joel J. Schuneman helped to rescue Robert C, and Deanna M. Boer from burning, Dearborn, Michigan, July 16, 2002. Boer and his wife, both 34, were in their two-story house when an explosion of leaking natural gas occurred in the basement and severely burned them. A neighbor, Schuneman, 40, communications engineer, was arriving home after work about then and was alerted to the explosion. He and another neighbor immediately ran to the house, which had been structurally compromised and from which basement flames were issuing through the windows. Escaping gas was continuing to burn as they entered the house, Schuneman through the front door after kicking it in and the other man through a window in the living room. While the other man approached Boer, who was on a couch in the living room, and dragged him to the front door, Schuneman proceeded into the kitchen, where he saw Ms. Boer emerge from the basement stairway. Schuneman guided Ms. Boer toward the living room before turning to search the house for other occupants. Returning to the living room, he helped the other man take Boer to the front lawn, Ms. Boer likewise removed to the safety of that point. Boer and his wife required hospitalization for treatment of extensive burns. 76396-8746 Schuneman inhaled smoke, and he recovered.

ROBERT E. SHOWS RITTMAN, OHIO

Robert E. Shows helped to save Gary D. Miller and Stella B. Hohne from burning, Rittman, Ohio, July 8, 2002. Miller, 55, and his mother-in-law Ms. Hohne, 84, were in second-floor bedrooms of Miller's house after fire broke out on a deck at the rear of the structure at night. A police officer on duty in the neighborhood, Shows, 31, discovered the fire and, joined by another officer, broke into the house through its front door to alert any occupants. Learning from Miller that Ms. Hohne was in her bedroom, Shows went upstairs to that room. He picked Ms. Hohne up, but dense smoke, which rendered visibility nil, and intense heat precluded their escaping down the stairs. The other officer went to the front of house, where he shouted for Shows to use the bedroom window. Shows opened the window, removed the screen, and climbed onto the roof of the front porch. Miller then handed Ms.

Hohne out to him before exiting the house himself. Firefighters arrived within minutes and removed Ms. Hohne and Miller from the roof, Shows following. Ms. Hohne, Miller, and Shows were all taken to the hospital, where they were treated for smoke inhalation.

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RICHARD H. SPENCER, JR. SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA

Richard H. Spencer, Jr., saved Clay T. Jones from burning, Sumter, South Carolina, July 15, 2002. Jones, 42, was the sole occupant of an automobile that left the roadway, struck and broke off a utility pole, and overturned onto its roof. Gasoline spilled from the car and fire erupted at the rear of the vehicle as Jones, unconscious, was suspended upside down in the driver's seat, his feet caught. A motorist, Spencer, 45, retired firefighter, witnessed the accident and stopped at the scene. Although he suffered heart disease, he approached the burning car and emptied a fire extinguisher on the flames, but to little effect. With difficulty, Spencer then pulled open the driver's door. He crawled part way into the car, the interior of which was burning, and freed Jones's feet. Backing out, he pulled Jones from the car and helped drag him to safety. Jones required hospital treatment for his injuries.

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WILLIAM J. STEVENS, JR., DECEASED ROSLYN, PENNSYLVANIA

William J. Stevens, Jr., died helping to save Paul E. Weidman from drowning, Long Pond, Pennsylvania, July 7, 2002. Paul, 15, and his uncle, Stevens, 32, letter carrier, were in separate kayaks on East Emerald Lake when Paul fell from his craft and into the water. He struggled to stay afloat. From nearby, Stevens left his kayak and swam to Paul, then grasped him. They struggled as a woman with an inflated raft swam toward them. After pushing Paul toward safety, Stevens submerged. The woman helped Paul atop the raft, and he made his way to the bank, but she could not locate Stevens. Divers recovered him within the hour; he had drowned.

76250-8748

ERIC SVIHOVEC MILLER PLACE, NEW YORK

Eric Svihovec helped to save Olivia H. Wardell from drowning, Mount Sinai, New York, July 1, 2001. During a late afternoon thunderstorm, the darkness and heavy rainfall of which greatly reduced visibility, the automobile in which Olivia, 2 months old, was a passenger traveled down a boat ramp at a marina and entered Mount Sinai Harbor. Olivia was in a car seat that was secured to the back seat of the car, which started to sink nose first in water about 13 feet deep. Seeing the situation, two marina dockhands, including Svihovec, 21, college student, ran to a point on the dock adjacent to the ramp and jumped into the water. Svihovec swam to the passenger side of the car and opened that door, enabling the driver to exit. As he then attempted to free Olivia, the other dockhand, who had attempted to open the driver's door, arrived, partially entered the car, and pushed the front passenger seat forward. Sylhoyec knelt on the bottom of the doorframe, leaned inside, and worked to pull the car seat out as the car continued to sink, submerging him and Olivia. Svihovec freed the seat after some difficulty, then backed from the car with it and pushed it to the other dockhand, who took it to the nearby dock. Olivia was handed over to safety, and Svihovec, the other dockhand, and the driver also left the water. Olivia was examined at the hospital but was uninjured.

75457-8675

ROBERT JAMES TAYLOR, DECEASED BOX ELDER, MONTANA

Robert James Taylor died attempting to save Ira V. Moreno from drowning, Box Elder, Montana, May 27, 2002. Moreno, 28, and another man were fishing from a rowboat on the Bonneau Reservoir, about 225 feet from shore, when the boat capsized, sending both into the cold, 18-foot-deep water. Although the other man swam to shore, Moreno clung to the overturned boat and called for help. Police were alerted, and Taylor, 43, was one of the officers who responded. He entered the water and began to swim toward the boat, but, just short of it, he submerged. Others reached Moreno and took him to shore. He required hospital treatment for hypothermia, and he recovered. Taylor's body was found two days later, in the vicinity of the reservoir at which he was last seen; he had drowned.

76172-8738

HAROLD TERRY

FLINT, MICHIGAN

Harold Terry saved Jamal L. Jackson from burning, Flint, Michigan, July 29, 2002. Jamal, 8, and his brother were in the basement of their grandparents' home after fire erupted in the kitchen, on the ground floor, at night and blocked access to the basement stairs. Men broke out a basement window and pulled the brother from the house, but they could not see Jamal. Terry, 25, was one of two state police officers who responded to the scene. When he learned that Jamal remained inside the basement, he entered it through the window, feet first, and dropped to the floor. Terry used a flashlight, but dense smoke limited visibility to only a foot. Jamal cried at first, and Terry crawled toward the source of that sound. He found Jamal, who was then unconscious, about 12 feet into the basement. Grasping and pulling Jamal, Terry crawled backward to the wall containing the window. He stood there and handed Jamal through the window to the other officer before climbing out of the basement through the same window. Jamal was hospitalized for treatment of smoke inhalation, and he recovered. 76376-8756

MARK H. TERRYN White Cloud, Michigan

Mark H. Terryn helped to save Duane R. Ely from burning, Ludington, Michigan, July 22, 2002. Ely, 52, remained in the driver's seat of his pickup truck after an accident in which the truck was struck in the rear by another pickup and propelled from the highway onto the grassy shoulder. Ely's truck had burst into flames at its rear, and spilled gasoline burned on the ground around it and on the highway. Several motorists, including Terryn, 49, emergency room technician, stopped at the scene. Terryn mounted the hood of the burning vehicle, joining another man who had removed a large piece of the windshield by stomping on it. Having provided towels to lay on the broken glass, Terryn reached through the windshield opening with the other man for Ely but found him stuck. After the other man entered the cab to his waist and freed Ely, Terryn and he pulled Ely, head first, through the windshield opening and onto the hood as flames from the rear of the truck advanced toward the cab. Terryn and the other man carried Ely from the truck. Ely required hospital treatment for neck and back injuries.

76334-8752

RODNEY LEE VENICE, DECEASED FENTON, MISSOURI

Rodney Lee Venice died rescuing Suzanne R. Gibson from assault, Sunset Hills, Missouri, November 19, 2000. Ms. Gibson, 30, was conversing with a man outside his vehicle, which was parked in a commuter lot. During an ensuing argument, the man produced a metal object and struck her repeatedly with it. She fell to the pavement and yelled for help. Venice, 43, was the driver of a taxicab that was parked nearby in the lot. He drove toward the scene, then exited his vehicle and ran to the assailant and Ms. Gibson, yelling for the assailant to leave Ms. Gibson alone. Venice then pulled the assailant away from Ms. Gibson, allowing her to regain her footing, then flee in her vehicle, which was parked nearby. As Ms. Gibson drove from the scene, the assailant fired a handgun at her, then at Venice, striking him three times. The assailant fled in his vehicle but was captured weeks later. Ms. Gibson required hospitalization for treatment of her injuries. Venice died at the scene.

BERNADETTE VERMAAS

EDMONTON, ALBERTA

Bernadette Vermaas rescued Ljiljana Samuels from assault, Edmonton, Alberta, January 23, 2001. Ms. Samuels, 52, was inside her clothing shop when a woman entered, approached her, and demanded money. The woman jabbed her in the arm with a syringe then struck her in the face with a knife. Ms. Samuels slumped to the floor behind the counter. Hearing the assault, Ms. Vermaas, 39, one of two stylists working in the adjoining hair salon, responded to the scene, taking a broom with her. She approached the assailant and ordered her to leave, but the assailant remained behind the counter. Handed a snow shovel by her coworker, Ms. Vermaas cleared the counter for access to the assailant. The assailant backed away from Ms. Samuels, who then fled, and continued backing toward the rear door of the shop. She exited the shop and left the area but was apprehended by police. Ms. Samuels required surgery for a broken nose, and she recovered.

76098-8691

JOSEPH WAYNE WALLACE

TALLASSEE, ALABAMA

Joseph Wayne Wallace rescued David Z. Lawrence from burning, Tallassee, Alabama, February 8, 2002. David, 5, was in a bedroom of his family's one-story house after fire broke out in an adjoining room and filled the house with smoke. At a nearby service station, Wallace, 37, automobile mechanic. learned of the fire, and that a child was missing, by means of a scanner transmission. Recognizing the address, he sped to the scene, where he saw smoke and flames issuing from the house. Wallace went to the front door and entered, calling out to David. Guided by David's reply, Wallace ran through a burning hall to the opposite end of the house, where he broke into the bedroom, which had caught fire by then. He felt on the floor for David, found him under a bed, then grasped him and returned to the hall. Starting to retreat, Wallace was struck by a piece of falling ceiling that knocked him and David to the floor. Still carrying David, Wallace crawled through the hall and into the living room, then stood and went to the front door, where he handed David outside to safety. Wallace left the burning house, then took to the ground to catch his breath. He and David were taken to the hospital, where they were treated for burns, David's to his feet and Wallace sustaining second-degree burns to both knees and his right hand. They recovered.

75873-8685

FRANK WHITE, SR. Summersville, West Virginia

Frank White, Sr., saved Jennifer D. Yagel from burning, Summersville, West Virginia, March 2, 2002. At night, Jennifer, 14, was trapped and unconscious in the back-seat area of a car after an accident in which the car left the roadway, struck a tree head on, and caught fire. White, 42, who lived nearby, was alerted to the accident. He responded to the scene and entered the car through the rear door on its passenger side. Although disabled by physical conditions that restricted his activity, he grasped Jennifer and pulled repeatedly to free her, as her legs were pinned. Flames entering the car were impinging on the driver, who was Jennifer's brother, and White attempted to extinguish them. Then successful in freeing Jennifer, White pulled her from

the car. His further efforts to extract her brother were thwarted by deteriorating conditions, forcing him to withdraw. Jennifer was hospitalized 17 days for treatment of severe injuries, and her brother died at the scene. White sustained minor burns to his arms, and he recovered. 76579-8734

JARED C. WILLIAMS OZARK, ALABAMA

Jared C. Williams saved Hayden A. Strickland and Jennifer L. Jackson from drowning, Panama City Beach, Florida, March 27, 2002. Hayden and Jennifer, both 14, were wading in the Gulf of Mexico when an undertow impeded their return to the beach. A member of their group, Jared, 16, student, waded and swam to Hayden, then, fighting the undertow, took her to shore. Jared returned for Jennifer, who, nearly exhausted, was farther out. He grasped her, started to swim parallel to the beach with her, then turned and went directly toward shore. A woman in their group waded partway out from shore with a body board and met them. With Jennifer atop the board, the woman pulled her to the beach, Jared also exiting the water. Hayden and Jennifer were exhausted, and they recovered.

MARGUERITE ZACHARY

Dallas, Oregon

Marguerite Zachary helped to rescue Charlotte J. Woods from assault, Dallas, Oregon, September 24, 2002. Ms. Woods, 59, was in the courtyard of the apartment complex she managed when a male resident of the complex shot her repeatedly. Another resident, Ms. Zachary, 74, retired licensed practical nurse, was in her apartment about 60 feet away when she heard the gunfire. She saw Ms. Woods lying bloodied in the courtyard and responded to her to provide medical attention. As she neared Ms. Woods, she saw the assailant on the balcony of his second-floor unit, about 30 feet away. The assailant fired again at Ms. Woods, striking her, as Ms. Zachary knelt to tend her. Ms. Zachary then lay next to Ms. Woods and over the course of several minutes, or until police arrived, provided comfort. Told by police to seek cover, Ms. Zachary crawled to the nearest apartment. An officer then removed Ms.

Woods from the scene. The assailant was arrested after a five-hour standoff with police. Ms. Woods required hospitalization for treatment of numerous gunshot wounds.

76401-8739

SOCORRO ZAMORANO, DECEASED

Phoenix, Arizona

Socorro Zamorano died attempting to save Jacqueline Flores from burning, Mesa, Arizona, December 19, 2001. Jacqueline, 7 months old, was in a crib in a bedroom of her family's mobile home after fire of accidental origin erupted in a nearby bedroom early in the morning. Her grandmother, Ms. Zamorano, 60, who had been on a chore just outside the structure, attempted to douse the fire by throwing water on it through a window. Neighbors arrived at the scene, as did motorists who had seen the fire from a nearby road. When Ms. Zamorano went to the front door to enter the structure for Jacqueline, at least one person attempted to restrain her. Ms. Zamorano broke away and entered the mobile home, in which conditions were deteriorating rapidly. She was not seen alive again; firefighters found her body and that of Jacqueline together, in the living room. Both had died of smoke inhalation.

2003 AWARD STATISTICS

MEDALS

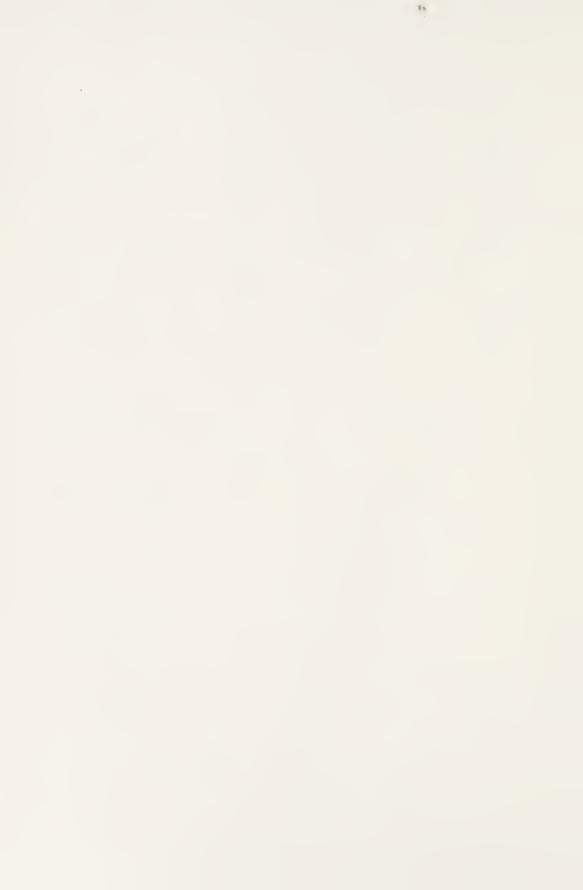
In 2003, ninety-eight Carnegie Medals were awarded, bringing the total to 8,764 since the Fund was established in 1904. To date, the Commission has considered 77,348 rescue acts.

Especially do we remember those who gave their lives saving or attempting to save others. During 2003, twenty-nine such sacrifices were honored, bringing the total to date to 1,861:

Raymond F. Ashworth John Wesley Knox Nelson Banks, Ir. Christopher McGalliard David L. Blevins Iames I. E. McNeil Robert J. Bonadies Iames A. Mitchell Clarence H. Boyd Dennis R. Moblev Benny A. Carpenter, Jr. Charles J. Nail Lorene R. Cash Joe Riggs Steven Coleman Ronald R. Robertson Ronald Joseph Crawford Charles E. Smith Ian Sean Duffey Joseph P. Sorah Daniel F. Heede William I. Stevens, Ir. Eric C. Hurst Terry Milas Stewart Jamie L. Inman Robert James Taylor Wendell R. Johnson Rodney Lee Venice Socorro Zamorano

MONETARY GRANTS

	2003	To date
For continuing support of widows, widowers, and other dependents, and disabled heroes	\$ 238,010	\$ 14,546,671
Monetary awards, including educational assistance, and medals	468,322	12,235,719
	\$ 706,332	\$ 26,782,390





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